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Their Team Spirit Is a Bit Low

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IT ISNT only on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain that the Poles and Russians don't get along. At the U.S. information agency, where they have just started putting out a Polish language counterpart of the Russian language magazine, Amerika, Polish and Russian translators work in the same room, but don't speak to each other. An outside party telephoned the room the other day and asked to speak to one of the Poles. The young lady who answered the phone gave the caller another telephone extension, saying that was the Polish section. The caller called the other number, the same young lady answered, then called the wanted Pole to the phone.

PIE IN YOUR EYE: Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson hasn't given his cabinet teammate, Arthur Flemming of health, education, and welfare, total support in the cranberry affair. First Benson fired off an offer of help to the berry baron who had just demanded Flemming's resignation. A day later, the agriculture department cafeteria lunch menu featured—you guessed it—cranberry pie.

DIDNT SAY WHY: Curious about how Ike really feels about VP Richard M. Nixon and his chances to be president? Well, a few days ago, a White House visitor reports, Ike opened his desk drawer and came across a match folder that

he'd forgotten about. He showed it to his guest, with its label: "Nixon for President." "I think I'll keep this," the President said. "It may be historic some day."

HONORED SIR: When Allen Dulles, the central intelligence boss, went up to the capitol to tell a committee about Russian economic prospects last week, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. N.Y.) hailed him delight-



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edly. "I wouldn't have come here today to hear anybody but you," Javits said enthusiastically. Dulles said thank you, and began reading his report. After a few minutes Javits left the room, stayed away until Dulles was almost finished.

AMONG THOSE . . . Javits' disappearing act was topped, though, by another public official. At a private showing of a new Soviet movie figuring in a U.S.-U.S.S.R. exchange of films, Eric Johnston, the master of ceremonies, said: "And now I would like to introduce George V. Allen, the distinguished director of the U.S. information agency." Everyone clapped, except Allen—who wasn't there.

WE'D BE LIMEYS: Paul Ziffren, Democratic committeeman from California, is just as sour on public opinion polls as Harry S. Truman is. One of Ziffren's

pet dislikes is the candidate who waits to see what the polls say before he decides what he thinks about any given issue. Said Ziffren: "If the founding fathers had followed the polls in 1776 they would never have signed the Declaration of Independence."

ART DEPT.: After all these years, the Soviet embassy here has finally taken down Joe Stalin's big picture and replaced it with one of Nikita Khrushchev. Khrushchev, you may recall, is the one who lambasted the dead Stalin for developing the "cult of personality," which included such trappings as oversized portraits—like the picture of Nikita now hanging in Stalin's place.

HONESTY UNLIMITED: Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, (D. N. Y.) has a chewing gum manufacturer in his district, and distributes samples abundantly. A little while ago, he sent a package of the gum to every member of congress as a sample of the quality of the district's production. One senator returned the gum with a curt note saying he never accepted any presents.

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